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ABSTRACT

Data tables and graphs illustrate trends in enrollment and student characteristics at Los Angeles City College (LACC) for the years 1972 through 1981. First, six tables present statistics on: (1) fall semester enrollment broken down according to day/evening status, sex, full-/part-time status, freshman/sophomore status, first-time/continuing status, age, and ethnic groups; (2) admissions classifications of LACC students (i.e., first-time freshmen, first-time transfers, returning transfers, returning students, and continuing students); (3-5) LACC new enrollments according to public and private feeder high schools; and (6) first-time transfers to LACC from foreign countries. Next, ten graphs are provided to illustrate trends revealed in these data. Finally, observations on the findings are presented. Total enrollment over the ten-year period varied less than 5% from the average if the years 1974 and 1975 are omitted. Females outnumbered males in all years except 1974 and 1977, with the percentage of females peaking at 55% in 1977. Ethnic distributions have changed significantly over the period, with a sharp decrease in White enrollments (from 38% in 1972 to 22% in 1981) and steady increases in Hispanic and Asian enrollments. Median age has (with the exception of 1974 and 1975) increased steadily from 24 to 26 years of age. The percentage of students transferring from a foreign high school or college has almost doubled since 1975 (from 12% to 22%). (AYC)

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Purpose of the Study

In Fall 1972, the LACCD Office of Educational Research and Analysis provided LACC with some summary statistics related to enrollment and student characteristics. This information has been provided for each Fall semester since that time.

Since ten years have now elapsed, it seemed appropriate to look at these data to identify trends. This study looks at both this information and other available information for that purpose.

Procedure of the Study

In addition to the information provided by the District Office through their Fall Enrollment Analysis (1972-1981), additional information was obtained from the Admissions Office. This information consisted of reports (CCAF Reports #130&131) sent to the State detailing sources of students. The findings of the next section present selected items from these two sources.

Findings

The following six tables and ten graphs are taken from the sources indicated above and constitute the findings of the study.

Table 1 - LACC Enrollment Statistics, Fall Semester, 1972-81
(in percent)

	F72	F73	F74	F75	F76	F77	F78	F79	F80	F81
Total Enrollment	19622	19185	23514	23904	19727	19535	18776	18701	20174	20492
Day	62.3	61.8	66.2	63.7	65.4	64.9	62.2	61.4	61.5	61.6
Evening	37.7	38.2	33.8	36.3	34.6	35.1	37.8	38.6	38.5	38.4
Male	48.7	49.6	53.9	56.3	46.4	45.3	47.5	47.0	46.9	48.4
Female	51.3	50.4	46.1	43.7	53.6	54.7	52.5	53.0	53.1	51.6
Full-time (≥12UA)	32.5	37.2	31.8	36.4	32.4	32.6	33.3	32.4	30.9	30.8
Part-time	67.5	62.7	68.2	63.4	67.6	67.4	66.7	67.6	69.1	69.2
Freshman (<30UC)	75.4	69.7	69.1	69.4	73.8	66.9	65.5	64.8	66.1	71.9
Sophomore	24.6	30.3	30.9	30.6	26.2	33.1	34.5	35.2	33.9	28.1
First Time	37.2	32.1	39.6	29.6	29.6	30.9	35.0	37.6	36.6	35.0
Continuing	62.8	67.9	60.4	70.4	70.4	69.1	65.0	62.4	63.4	65.0
Under 21	31.8	28.8	24.0	25.7	25.0	25.8	25.0	24.4	23.3	22.2
Over 21	68.2	71.2	76.0	74.2	75.0	74.2	75.0	75.6	76.7	77.8
Amer. Ind.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.0
Black	32.0	32.3	37.5	34.5	40.6	41.5	39.1	36.2	35.0	31.2
Asian	11.6	12.6	12.2	15.3	15.2	18.9	20.0	21.5	20.7	21.6
Hispanic	14.5	15.4	13.9	15.1	15.4	16.1	17.9	18.5	19.8	21.4
White not Hispanic	38.5	37.0	34.0	32.6	25.8	20.6	20.0	20.8	21.4	21.7
Other	2.8	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	3.1
Age: Under 20	22.3	22.3	18.5	17.5	16.3	17.3	16.7	16.3	15.6	14.7
20-24	34.1	30.5	26.9	31.1	33.4	32.8	33.1	33.1	31.5	31.0
25-29	19.2	19.3	19.5	21.5	21.2	20.6	20.4	20.4	21.0	21.5
30-34	9.9	10.5	11.3	11.6	11.7	11.2	11.8	12.1	12.8	13.2
35-44		10.1	13.0	10.7	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.8	11.1
45-54	14.7	5.0	8.1	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.9
55-64		1.8	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3
65+		0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.4
Median	24.1	24.5	26.2	25.3	25.1	25.0	25.0	25.3	25.7	26.0

Table 2 - Admissions Classifications of LACC Students, Fall Semesters, Fall Semester, 1972-81 (in percent)

	F72	F73	F74	F75	F76	F77	F78	F79	F80	F81
All Students										
Total Enrollment	19622	19185	23514	23904	19727	19535	18776	18701	20174	20492
First Time Freshman	33.7	21.5	26.0	18.2	17.3	18.2	20.1	21.0	19.8	19.8
First Time Transfer	3.5	10.6	13.6	11.4	12.2	12.6	14.9	16.6	16.0	15.3
Total New	37.2	32.1	39.6	29.6	29.5	30.8	35.0	37.6	35.8	35.1
Returning Transfer	0.6	1.9	3.0	8.7	4.0	3.0	3.3	4.2	3.5	3.8
Returning	2.4	7.2	5.8	10.1	5.6	7.8	8.2	8.8	7.7	7.2
Continuing	59.8	58.8	51.6	51.6	60.8	58.4	53.5	49.4	53.1	53.9
Total Non-New	62.8	67.9	60.4	70.3	70.4	69.2	65.0	62.4	64.3	64.9
New Students Only										
Total Enrollment	7300	6165	9305	7080	5836	6029	6563	7030	7212	7180
First Time Freshman										
Dist. H.S.	45.4	40.4	35.9	33.2	33.9	33.0	30.5	30.1	28.1	28.4
Other CA H.S.	9.2	5.5	9.4	7.3	5.1	4.3	4.5	4.2	3.6	3.9
Other U.S. H.S.	17.7	12.4	15.2	13.0	12.4	13.0	12.3	11.1	11.4	10.3
*Foreign H.S.	9.2	0.6	2.4	6.4	6.7	8.0	8.8	9.4	10.0	13.0
Unknown	9.2	8.0	2.6	1.6	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.1	2.2	0.9
Total	90.7	67.0	65.6	61.4	58.6	59.0	57.5	55.9	55.4	56.4
Transfers										
CA Comm. Coll.	4.7	15.3	18.8	15.2	16.5	13.9	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.5
CA 4 yr. Coll.	1.8	8.0	7.4	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.6	9.5	10.4	9.3
Other U.S. Coll.	2.1	8.0	6.2	9.2	9.2	10.5	10.7	11.2	10.3	8.7
*Foreign Coll.	0.2	0.1	0.4	4.8	6.2	6.7	7.2	7.4	8.1	9.0
Unknown	0.4	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.5	2.2	3.0
Total	9.3	33.0	34.4	38.6	41.4	41.0	42.5	44.1	44.6	43.6

*Foreign data questionable prior to 1975

Table 3 - LACC New Enrollments, Fall Semester 1972-1981: Top 20 Feeder High Schools

	F72	F73	F74	F75	F76	F77	F78	F79	F80	F81	10 Yr. Total
Belmont	268	237	295	245	228	224	198	265	234	240	2421
Crenshaw	141	124	85	131	98	94	119	108	76	70	1037
Dorsey	155	132	141	141	104	106	63	85	54	76	1053
Eagle Rock	46	26	63	34	13	13	9	11	18	11	244
Fairfax	188	150	151	134	103	81	94	113	136	115	1258
Franklin	72	70	134	57	46	38	45	36	48	26	569
Fremont	143	81	144	125	98	100	80	68	65	62	961
Hamilton	90	45	83	37	27	33	32	24	26	18	412
Hollywood	197	147	168	117	121	130	96	181	135	183	1469
Jefferson	97	65	75	96	80	84	96	78	58	54	777
Jordon	42	19	43	34	28	31	32	32	32	37	327
Lincoln	36	39	53	32	17	31	63	48	38	25	378
Locke	67	58	57	67	57	49	50	42	26	32	502
Los Angeles	226	208	217	193	137	136	151	146	132	164	1710
Manual Arts	200	135	193	163	125	121	103	70	118	89	1317
Marshall	243	183	234	152	92	105	143	147	141	199	1639
Roosevelt	55	50	52	47	33	44	29	42	54	49	455
University	25	11	23	10	8	4	5	11	10	15	122
Washington	116	105	179	88	80	58	32	52	42	24	776
Wilson	37	25	47	13	8	13	19	17	14	25	218
A Total (20 schools)	2444	1910	2437	1916	1503	1495	1459	1576	1457	1514	17645
B Total (All L.A. Public)	3018	2306	3156	2222	1874	1899	1901	2018	1897	1932	22223
C Total L.A. Dist. (Public & Priv.)	3315	2488	3339	2352	1978	1991	2004	2118	2028	2040	23653
D Grand Total	6619	4128	6108	4350	3420	3559	3772	3931	3995	4052	43932
A/C	73.7	76.8	73.0	81.5	76.0	75.1	72.8	74.4	71.8	74.2	74.6
C/D	50.1	60.3	54.7	54.1	57.8	55.9	53.1	53.9	50.8	50.4	53.8

Table 4 - LACC New Enrollments, Fall Semesters 1972-1981:
Ranking of Numbers from Top Feeder High Schools (1st Ten)

	F72	F73	F74	F75	F76	F77	F78	F79	F80	F81	10 Yr. Total
1 Belmont	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 Marshall	2	3	2	4	9	6	3	3	2	2	3
3 Hollywood	5	5	6	9	4	3	5	2	4	3	4
4 Los Angeles	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	4	5	4	2
5 Fairfax	6	4	7	6	6	10	7	5	3	5	6
6 Manual Arts	4	6	4	3	3	4	-	9	6	6	5
7 Dorsey	7	7	9	5	5	5	9	7	10	7	7
8 Crenshaw	9	8	-	7	7	8	4	6	7	8	8
9 Fremont	8	10	8	8	8	7	8	10	8	9	9
10 Jefferson	-	-	-	10	10	9	6	8	9	10	10
11 Roosevelt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12 Jordan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13 Locke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
14 Franklin	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15 Lincoln	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	
16 Wilson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
17 Washington	10	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
18 Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
19 University	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 Eagle Rock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Table 5 - LACC New Enrollments, Fall Semesters 1972-1981:
Private High School Feeders (5 or more students in any year)

	F'72	F'73	F'74	F'75	F'76	F'77	F'78	F'79	F'80	F'81
Bishop Conaty	44	33	40	29	28	12	20	12	21	23
Cathedral	26	10	0	0	6	5	8	12	7	11
Daniel Murphy	16	5	13	8	14	5	7	6	7	7
Notre Dame	8	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	5
Our Lady of Loretta	26	19	20	44	11	10	13	16	20	10
Pater Nostre	13	9	4	2	2	3	8	5	7	8
Sacred Heart	20	10	12	6	7	7	7	5	7	8
Immaculate Heart	19	13	11	7	4	5	3	2	11	0
St. Michael's	10	6	0	0	3	3	2	3	6	0
Bishop Mora	13	7	0	0	0	6	1	7	0	0
Holy Martyrs	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	0	0
Lutheran	4	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Carmel	9	13	12	6	4	1	0	0	1	0
Loyola	8	1	9	3	2	4	4	3	3	2
Alemany	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Hollywood	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Notre Dame	5	1	10	1	2	0	0	1	1	1
St. Bernards	6	1	2	0	1	4	1	1	2	1
St. Marys	5	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1
St. Matthias	6	3	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	4
Totals	297	171	183	131	111	92	103	100	131	108

Table 6 - First Time Transfers to LACC from Foreign Countries, Fall Semesters, 1972-81

	F75	F76	F77	F78	F79	F80	F81
Philippines	188	173	187	197	162	186	169
South Korea	36	29	33	41	82	75	109
El Salvador	3	5	9	3	13	20	64
So. Vietnam	3	14	24	30	11	35	48
U.S.S.R	2	3	6	25	19	27	26
Formosa	6	21	13	18	29	26	16
Mexico	5	11	5	13	12	11	15
England	6	2	6	6	10	13	12
Colombia	10	0	0	4	2	5	11
Guatemala	3	3	5	6	2	5	11
Egypt	2	11	8	12	6	8	11
Canada	4	2	4	1	11	13	10
India	6	7	7	9	10	7	10
Thailand	3	3	3	8	16	6	9
Ecuador	3	5	4	6	13	10	8
Nicaragua	0	4	2	1	2	5	8
Peru	1	3	0	5	12	6	8
Cuba	3	5	7	5	2	3	7
Germany	3	6	2	2	3	3	6
Argentina	4	2	3	3	2	8	5
Hong Kong	3	5	9	3	6	3	5
Japan	6	5	6	5	10	10	5
Bolivia	0	1	0	1	2	2	4
Burma	0	1	1	4	0	4	4
France	3	1	3	3	6	5	4
Jamaica	2	0	0	2	3	2	4
Romania	1	4	1	3	4	4	4
Chile	0	2	1	7	0	2	3
Iran	0	1	1	0	3	3	3
Lebanon	3	5	0	9	9	6	3
Pakistan	0	0	1	2	4	2	3
Total	341	365	405	470	520	581	645

Figure 1 - LACC Fall Enrollments, 1972-1981

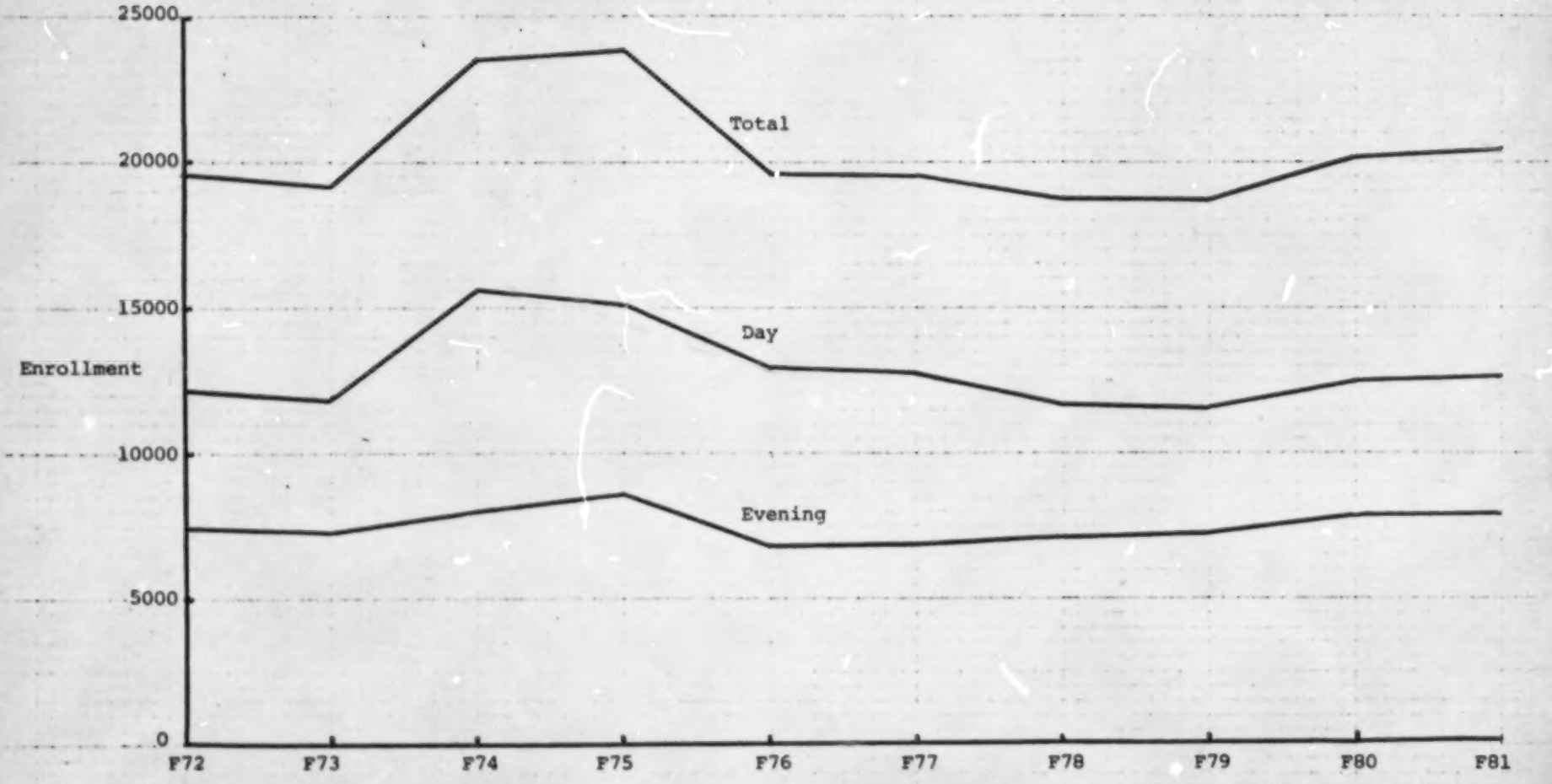


Figure 2 - LACC Fall Enrollments, 1972-1981: Percent Male & Female

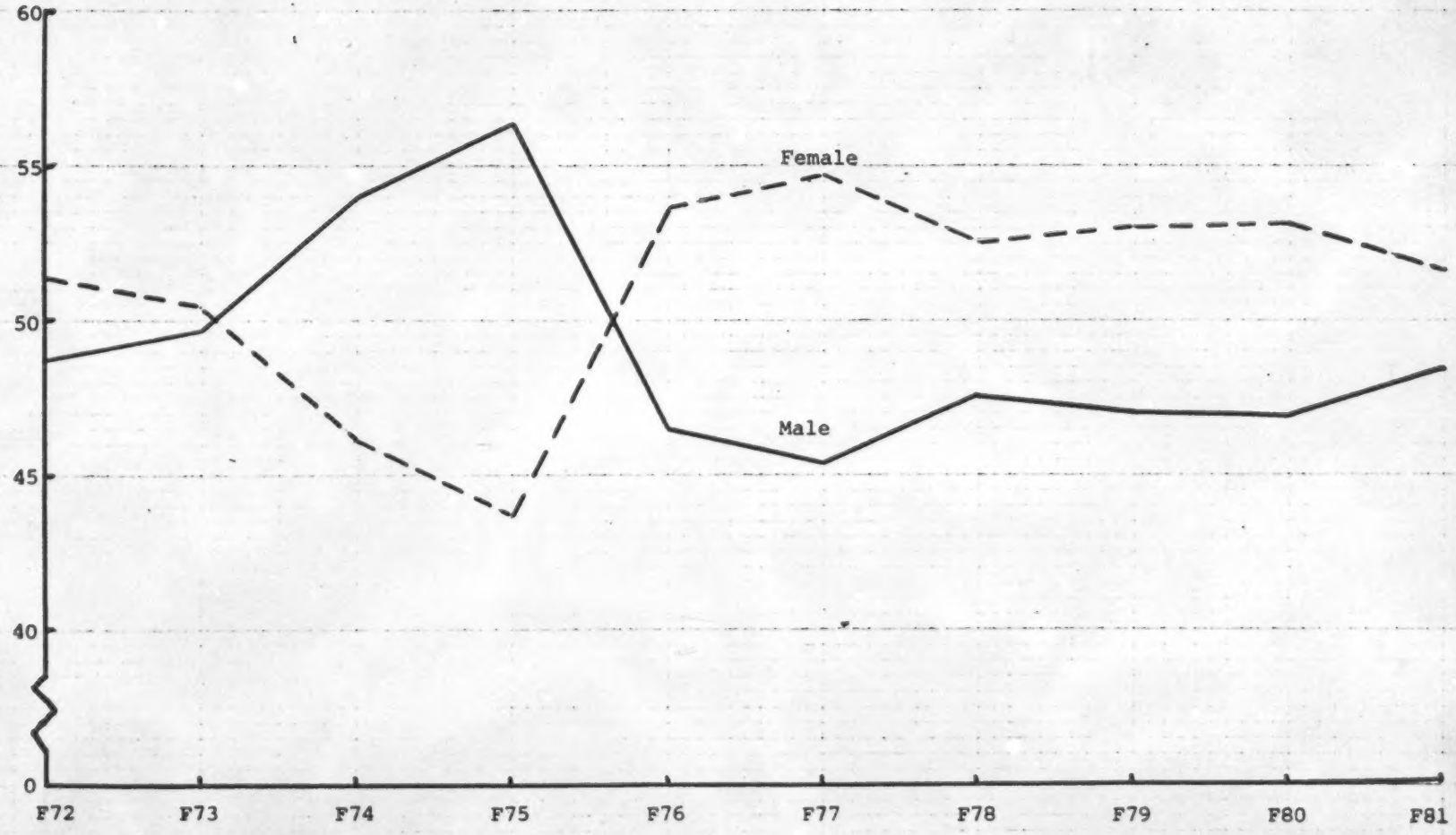


Figure 3 - LACC Fall Enrollments, 1972-1981: Ethnic Distributions

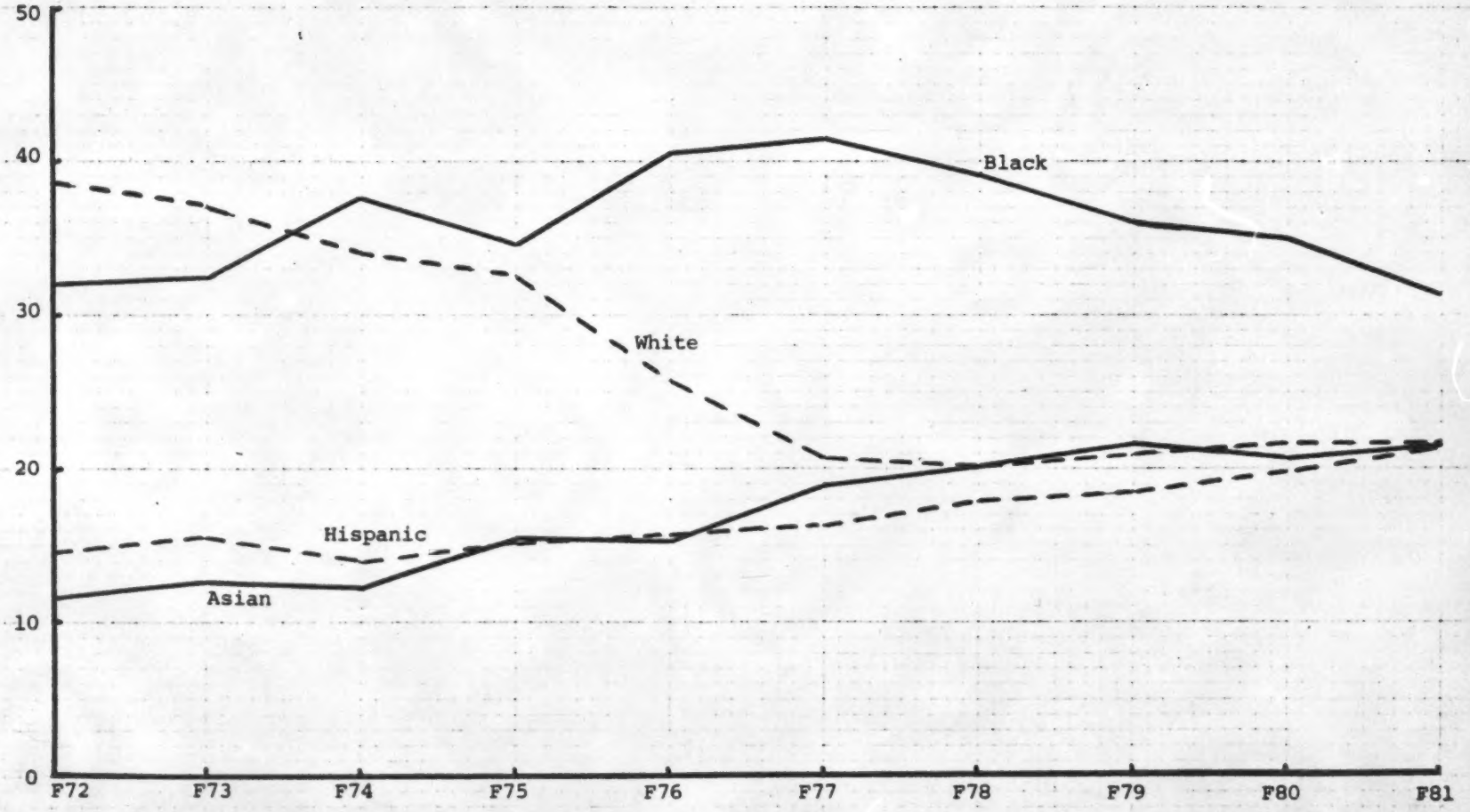


Figure 4 - LACC Fall Enrollment 1972-81:
% Part-time and Full-time

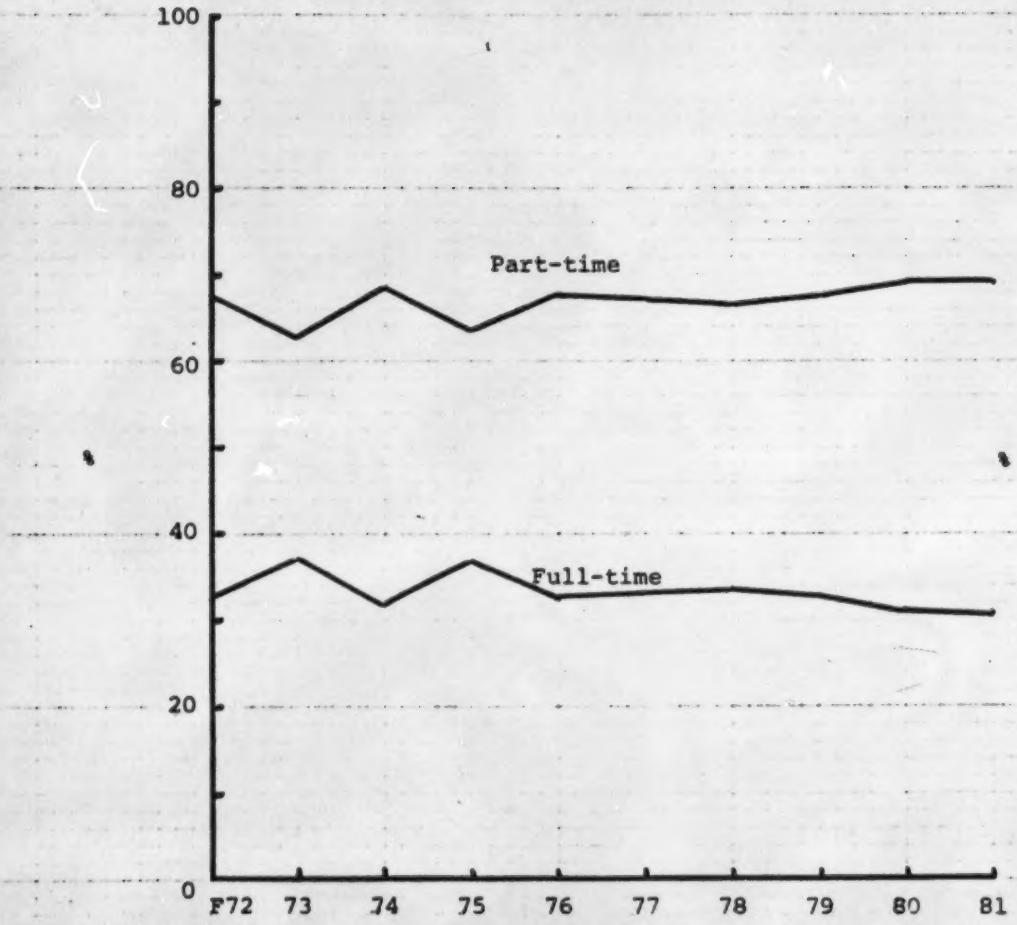


Figure 5 - LACC Fall Enrollments 1972-81:
% Age under 21 and 21 or over

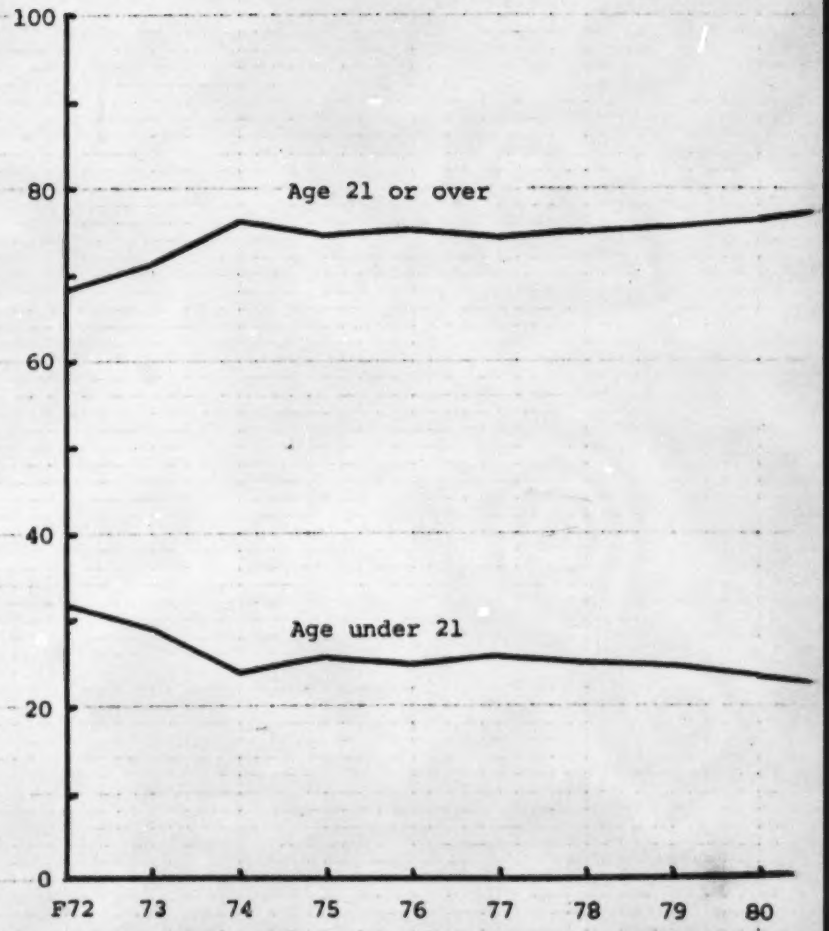


Figure 6 - LACC Fall Enrollment 1972-81
% Freshman and Sophomore

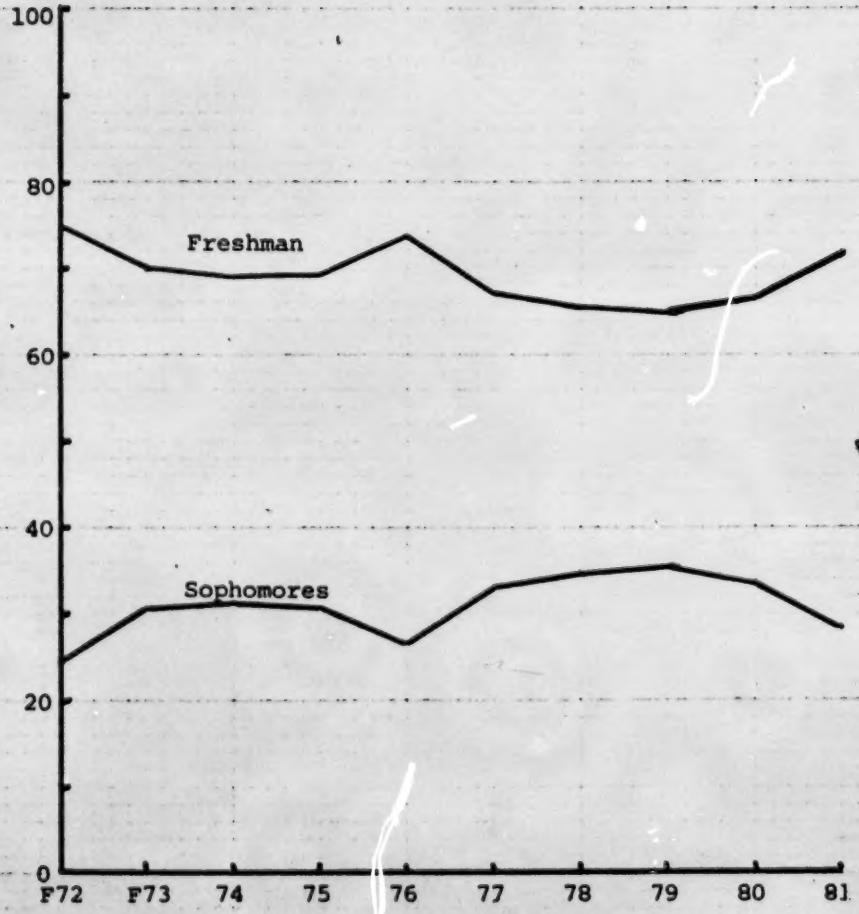
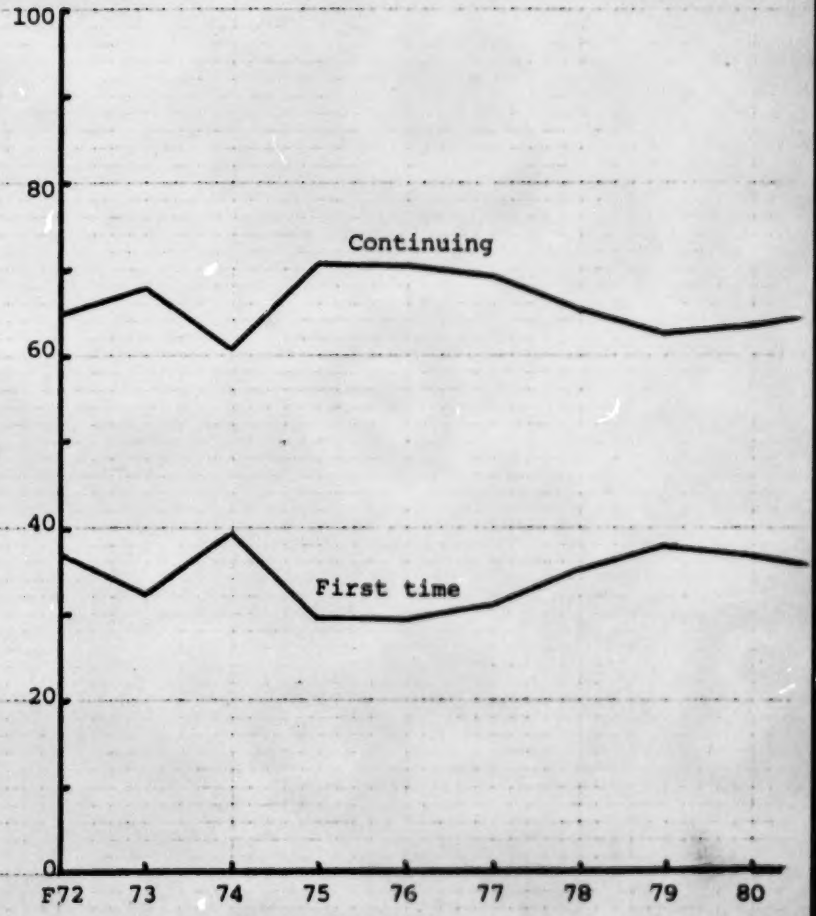
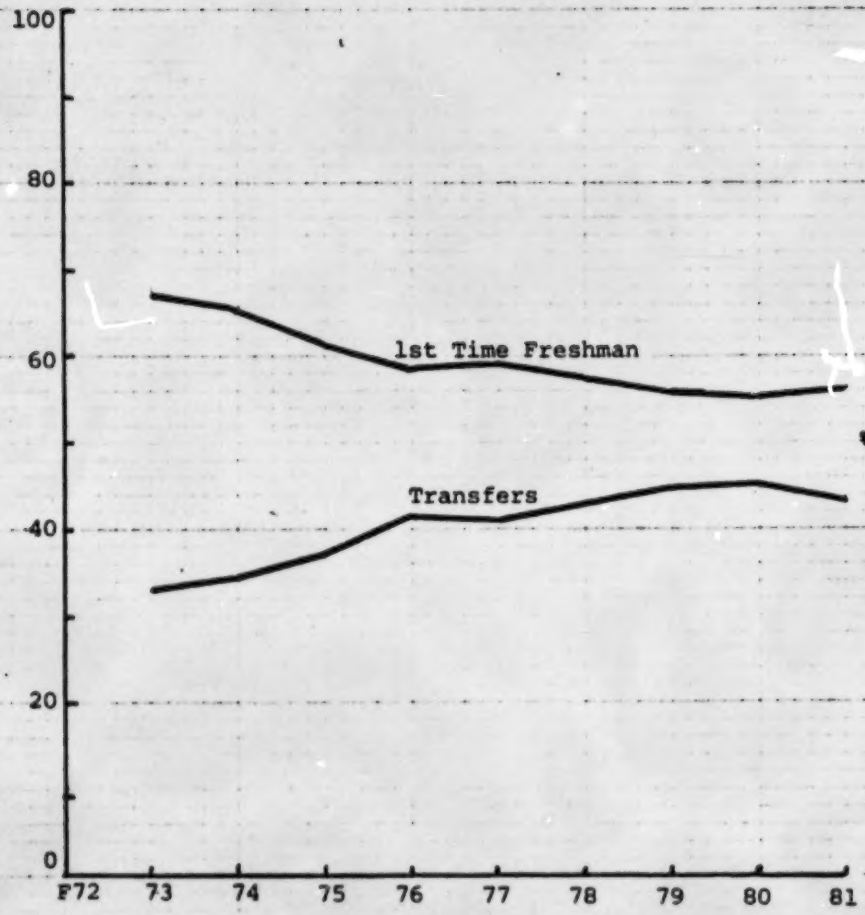


Figure 7 - LACC Fall Enrollment 1972-81
First Time and Continuing



New Students Only

Figure 8 - LACC Fall Enrollment 1972-81:
% 1st Time Freshman & Transfers



First Time Freshmen Only

Figure 9 - LACC Fall Enrollment 1972-81:
% from LACCD High Schools &
Foreign High Schools

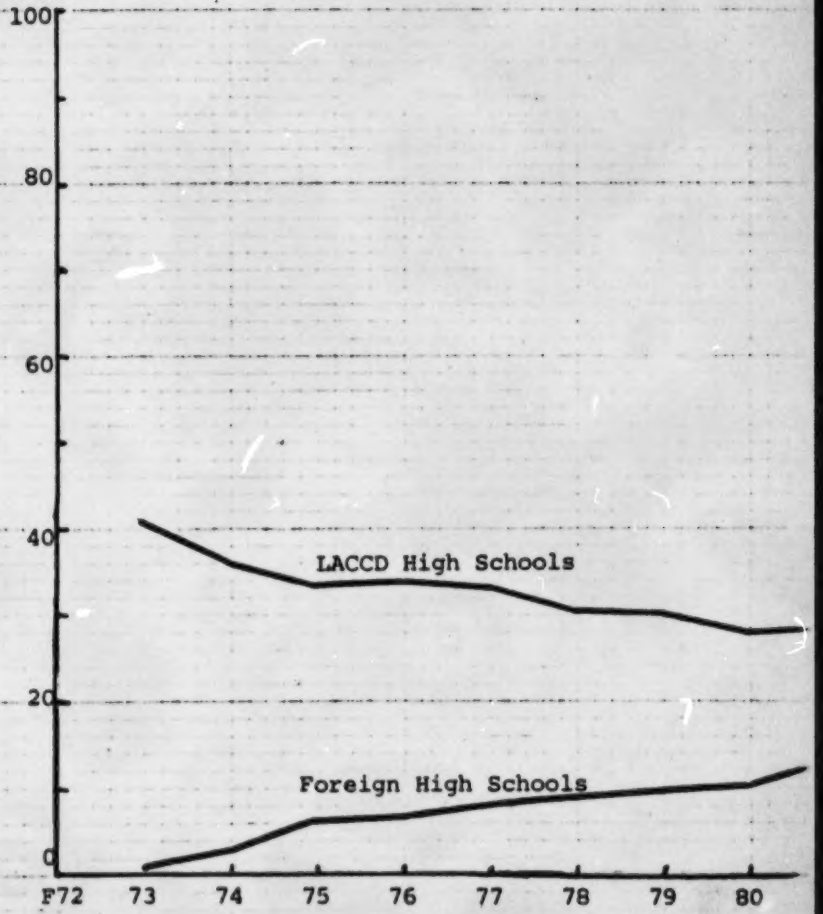
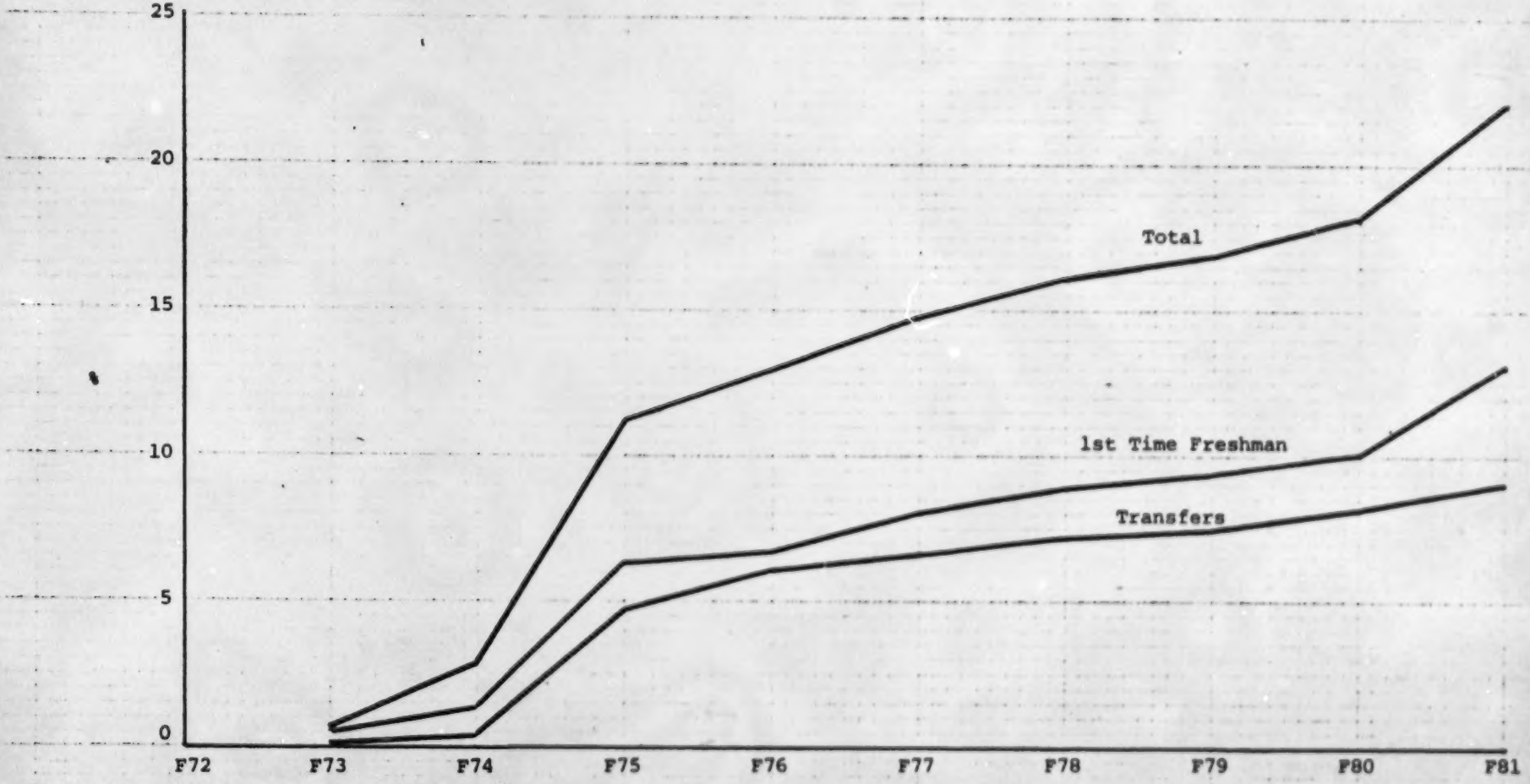


Figure 10 - Transfers to LACC from Foreign High Schools and Colleges Fall Semesters 1972-81
(% of all new students)



Summary and Conclusions

This study takes a longitudinal look at sources and various characteristics of students enrolling at LACC during the ten Fall semesters from 1972 through 1981. Following are some observations on the findings.

(1) Total enrollment over the ten year period varied less than 5% from the average if the 1974 and 1975 years are omitted. (These two years show inflated enrollments due primarily to the fact that special courses given off-campus to municipal employees were included in enrollment figures.) Following the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, enrollment dropped slightly but rebounded strongly in 1980 and 1981 to levels above all years except 1974 and 1975.

(2) Females have out numbered males in all years except 1974 and 1975. Percent females peaked at 55% in 1977 and then declined to 52% in 1981.

(3) Ethnic distributions have changed significantly over the ten year period. Percent White dropped sharply from nearly 40% in 1972 to about 20% in 1977 and has since remained at about the 20% figure. Percent Blacks increased to a high of over 40% in 1977 and has since declined to just over 30%. Percent Asian and percent Hispanic have both increased steadily over the ten year period and both now approximately equal the percent White.

(4) Median age has (with the exception of 1974 and 1975) increased steadily over the ten year period from 24 to 26 years of age. Percent of students in their teens dropped about a third over the period (from 22% to 15%).

(5) Percent day (about 62%) and percent evening (about 30%) has remained relatively stable over the ten years. Students who took both day and evening classes (about 10%) are counted as day students.

(6) Full-time students (those carrying 12 units or more) make up slightly less than one-third of the total. The percent full time has dropped over the ten year period, but only slightly.

(7) Percent freshman (total units completed less than thirty) dropped steadily from 1976 to 1979 but has since increased to about the 1976 level.
Percent first time freshman seems to follow this pattern. Percent first time students however shows the reverse of this pattern, due to the fact that a consistent increase in transfer students has taken place in the last five years.

(8) The increase in transfer students referred to above is accounted for almost totally by an increase in students transferring from a foreign high school or college. This percent* has almost doubled since 1975 (12% to 22%).

(9) Of the total first time freshmen, the percent coming from a Los Angeles District High School has dropped steadily from 1973 (from about 60% to 50%).

(10) Belmont High School sent more students to LACC than any other high school in each of the ten years. Marshall, Hollywood and Los Angeles have been runners-up.

(11) Bishop Conaty, Cathedral, and Our Lady of Loretta have been the leading private high school feeders. None would rank in the top ten of all high school feeders, however.

(12) Philippine Islands has been the leaders each year in the number of first time transfers from a foreign country. In the last three years South Korea, El Salvador and South Vietnam have made sizable increases.

* Although data are not presented in this study, preliminary District information indicates that the LACC percent (22%) is the highest in the District, almost double that of East L.A. (the next highest)

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